



Postgame Quotes

Saturday, November 5, 2016

First Round



(S2) Cal State Fullerton 1, (N3) UC Davis 1
Cal State Fullerton wins on penalty kicks, 5-3

CSF Head Coach George Kuntz

(Opening statement) "This was a very difficult game, we knew it was going to be a physical dual. Two different styles of play. We didn't match up well the first time we played them up there, it was something that we had to take a few hard lessons on. We came back, we regrouped, we studied a lot of film. Tried to get to the bottom of what happened in the other game. We got it under control. They're still a very good team, a very well coached team, physical, play with a lot of emotion. And it's very easy to get caught up in that emotion. This is a type of team that games can go either way. Credit to Davis, I thought they defended well.

(On shot advantage tonight) "One of the things we wanted to do was get our team to shoot. We have some very good shooters but sometimes we want to walk it in. We're looking for any kind of goal tonight. We created a lot more opportunities tonight than we did last time. For us it's just execution.

(On facing UCSB) "As soon as the final whistle blew, that's what I was thinking about. Great program at Santa Barbara. We've been there so many times. It's going to be a great match, a great match for fans. I hope a lot of people come out because it's good for Southern California. There's two very good teams that are probably underrated and we play in such a good west region and everybody beats each other up. So, we'll see what comes out of that one."

(On moving forward) "I want them to rest their bodies. At this point, they need to heal. Regeneration is just as important as training. We try to tighten up training, keep it shorter and sharper. No time in between, we try to get them in and get them out -- keep their legs fresh and their minds fresh. They're still at school, midterms, the most important thing to keep them focused is to get their health back. In a game like tonight these guys could run 7-9 miles. Tomorrow's a day off, Monday we come back at it and Tuesday we travel."

CSF Junior Diego Sanchez

(On penalty kick) "Well, I knew it was going to come down to the fifth one so I was just jogging towards the goal not really thinking about it. We practice this everyday. I was just going to put it where I always put it, or sometimes I like going the other way, who knows. I wanted to put it towards the right. I didn't really think about missing or scoring, I just wanted to put it where I always put it."

CSF Sophomore Michael Lopez

(On goal) "Coach was saying 'just shoot, whatever opportunity you have.' I just shot the ball with my left foot and it just went in."

UCD Coach Dwayne Shaffer

(Opening statement) "It was a great game, certainly entertaining for the fans to watch. My hat goes off to George [Kuntz] and his team. I thought they played really well. I thought my team played really well. Unfortunately, it didn't go our way. Both teams had some incredible opportunities to score a couple goals, but in the end when it goes to penalty kicks it's 50/50 and their goalkeeper made a nice save on the first one and we were chasing it after that.

(On team's resilience) "I'm proud of my team, I thought we played really well. I thought during the game we could have possibly scored a second goal to take the lead, especially the beginning of the second half we had a couple opportunities that just barely missed, but it didn't go our way. I think towards the end of the game, especially the overtime we ran out of gas. They were making us chase the ball and we were defending too much to put any pressure on them offensively. They're a very good team and I just told George their team gets hot at the end of the year and I've got to figure out what his secret is and how to keep his guys healthy. I feel like we got some heavy legs and we weren't deep enough tonight. Ultimately it was a good game."